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To: <julie.roberts@noaa.gov>; <neil.jacobs@noaa.gov>
Subject: Email to staff on Trump's tweet about Alabama and Dorian

Dr. Jacobs & Ms. Roberts,

I am writing to express my strong disapproval of your handling of Mr. Trump's egregious error in stating the Alabama would probably be hit hard by Hurricane Dorian. His statement was completely wrong, and seems to have been prompted by information that was out of date when he sent out his tweet, and was apparently misinterpreted by him in the first place.

In a pathetic attempt to prove himself right, he actually altered an official NOAA graphic and presented it to White House staff and the nation. This is a crime, and according to Title 18, US Code, Section 2074, persons committing such acts "shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than ninety days, or both." Instead of bringing charges, you sent out an email that said, in effect, "Don't contradict the president."

Your actions have brought discredit to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and have reduced its effectiveness by reducing its credibility. The correct action in this situation would be to issue a memo repudiating your earlier message, and stating unequivocally that Mr. Trump was in error. Since his error and subsequent attempt to cover his mistake are obvious to anyone with a reasonable amount of education and intelligence, your refusal to do so will only further damage NOAA's reputation.

I have little hope, and less expectation, that any action on your part will follow this message, but in a case like this, I felt compelled to speak my piece.

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